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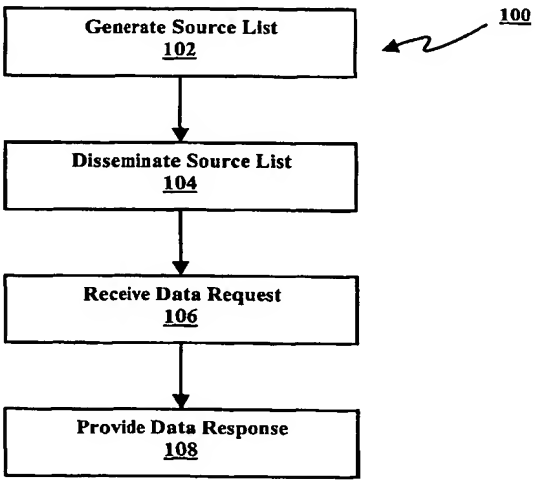

(57) **Abstract:** A data acquisition source management system for providing centralized management of multimedia acquisition sources and distribution of multimedia data acquired in real-time from the sources over various channels and bearers including cellular Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) and the Internet is disclosed according to an embodiment of the invention. The data acquisition source management system and 10 method for implementing thereof, allows multimedia acquisition sources, independent of fixed-line or wireless connectivity to the Internet or an Internet protocols-enabled network, to register with a server as an acquisition source. This enables the server to monitor the acquisition source's availability with minimal setup and configuration. The server will distribute a list of available acquisition sources to users for the users to be able to request for real-time data to be captured by the acquisition sources for the data to be transmitted to the user, thereby facilitating optimal utilization of bandwidth.

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